

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Docket No. 08-537-US4)

In the Application of:)	
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David A. Brown)	Examiner: Kristie D Shingles
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Serial No.: 09/886,659)	Art Unit: 2141
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Filed: June 21, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 4746
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Title: Method and Apparatus for Logically)	
Expanding the Length of a Search Key)	

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO THE NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 06, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on January 06, 2009, please consider the following **AMENDMENTS** and **REMARKS**.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this response.

REMARKS begin on page 7 of this response.